TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1107.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Saturday, the 13th August, 1932/29th Karkatakam, 1107.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven thirty-three of the Clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBER.

The following new Co-opted Member was sworn in.

Mr. C. P. Bhattatiri.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Reconstitution of the Vernacular Text-Book Committee.

422. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to revise or reconstitute the Vernacular Text-Book Committee ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the stage at which the same stands now (30-5-1932) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction on the subject have been called for.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : It is seen that a revision or reconstitution was found to be necessary and that proposals on that have been called for from the Director. May I know who found it necessary —the Director or the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question came up in 1929 and the Committee which was appointed before had ceased to exist and the Director of Public Instruction submitted certain proposals to Government. Orders were passed thereon and fresh proposals were called for. They have since been received.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether the lines on which that Committee was formed are proposed to be kept in view or whether any revision in regard to the fundamental principles of the formation of the Committee is found necessary ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That depends upon what is meant by 'fundamental principles'. Some changes are proposed to be made.

MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Under the existing rules certain powers are given to the Committee and also the personnel of the Committee is fixed now, will there be any change in that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are some changes which are under consideration and I am not in a position to announce them now.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know why a revision was found necessary? Is the existing Committee working unsatisfactorily?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There have been many complaints against the working of the existing Committee.

Reconstitution of the Vernacular Text-Book Committee.

423. MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for what period the members of the Vernacular Text-Book Committee are usually appointed, or in other words, the term of office of one Committee;

(*b*) how long is it since the members of the present (18-10-1107) Committee were appointed to their office; and

(*c*) if the term of their office has expired, the reason why a fresh Committee has not yet (18-10-1107) been constituted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The members nominated by Government hold office for three years at a time.

(*b*) Six years and five months.

(*c*) The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction for the reconstitution of the Committees have been called for.

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ കാലാവധി മൂന്നു സംവത്സരമാണെന്നു പാർട്ട് എ-യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കമ്മിറ്റി നിയമിച്ചിട്ട് ആറു സംവത്സരവും അഞ്ചുമാസവും ആയി എന്നും പാർട്ട് ബി-യിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ചോദ്യം? പാർട്ട് സി. യിൽ അതിനുള്ള മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): കമ്മിറ്റി reconstitute ചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ആലോചനയിലിരിക്കയായിരുന്നു. അതു തീർച്ചയാക്കുന്നതുവരെ ഈ കമ്മിറ്റിതന്നെ തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടു പോകട്ടെ എന്നു നിശ്ചയിക്കയാണു് ചെയ്തതു്.

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